

Weather

Mostly fair with some cloudiness at times today, high near 70. Fair and cool tonight, low around 50. Tomorrow, increasing cloudiness and a chance of some rain by evening. High in 60's.

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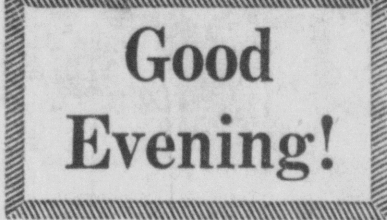
Lindeberg Defeats Lattomus

By DAN STUDEBAKER
Courier-Times Staff Writer

David S. Eldredge and his five running mates on the Butler-Farley Democratic slate swept to victory in Middletown Township's primary yesterday.

Eldredge, candidate for supervisor, will apparently have the support of his primary opposition this November.

Arthur B. Shenefelt, Eldredge's (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)



Mr. Paul R. Beckert did it.

He resolved the only major issue confronting either Democratic or Republican party by solidly trouncing the GOP splinter committed to County Commissioner Ed Boyer by an amazing 2 1/2 to 1 vote.

Yet, perhaps not unexpectedly so. Whatever the party, the rank-and-file voter has long since displayed a gratifying capacity to make the right decision when the chips are down.

Congratulations to all of the winners from county to municipal level; condolences to the losers. If the aspirin runs out, we've got an extra bottle of it tucked away in our desk.

And Philadelphia people approve Sunday liquor sales in hotels by a three-to-one ballot. That's pretty conclusive.

The issue is one we couldn't become greatly excited about. Economically, however, the outcome should benefit the city. The important question will now be one of real liquor law enforcement and continued effort to keep the law from being circumvented by a lot of cheats and chiselers.

This May 17 about as gorgeous as May days come.

We rather envy those flyboys jettisoning trails of silver against the perfect blue of the heavens. We suspect they're feeling way out.

Television Academy Emmy award show last night a dignified, dressed-up, fun affair. Maybe the Academy, constantly preaching its high ideals and its lofty purposes, should have given an Emmy to itself for TV's best show of the year.

From now until the next one, you can bet your new spring hat, that, with few exceptions, what we'll be getting will be undignified, dressed-down, unfunny rubbish.

There's a new French car-runs on electricity—costs less than eight cents to travel from New York to Los Angeles. The only drawback is that the extension cord costs \$15,000.

Communique No. 14: Sharp fellow was he who said you learn to live with anything after two weeks. He should try living with no calories, no proteins, no carbohydrates, practically no nothing. He'd be no longer sharp. He'd be simple.

Drive carefully, please.

D. A. Beckert



Paul R. Beckert of Levittown, who last night won the right to again represent his party in November, thanks a supporter who called this morning to offer congratulations. (Courier-Times Photo)

D. (avid) A. Clarke



Democratic District Attorney Candidate David A. Clarke of Morrisville beams contentedly this morning upon being congratulated on his successful bid for the party nomination. (Courier-Times Photo)

Good Govt. Candidates All Victors

By KEN RABEN
Courier-Times Staff Writer

The Berkes-Struble election battle last night, but bitterness and dissension remained in the Falls Township Democratic ranks.

Incumbent Falls Supervisor Milton Berkes and incumbent tax collector Dave Struble led their faction known as the Falls Township Democrats for Continued Good Government to victory over the Falls Township Democratic Organization.

While Berkes, Struble and their running mates, Bradshaw Snipes, incumbent school board member, Mrs. Anna Massey, school director hopeful, Lester P. Walker, seeking the constable position and Martin T. Cassidy, auditor candidate were jubilant. The defeated Organization candidates were glum.

Walter Almond, supervisor candidate, declined to make a statement when he learned the election results. He did not indicate any desire to join with the victors to present a solid Democratic front in November.

Organization Chairman Maxwell M. Lackey, however, said bitterly after the election that the primary meant nothing and that the Organization would meet later this week to decide on a course of action for November.

Lackey said that one Organization member, (Paul Terrells) had taken out "insurance" against a primary defeat by having himself listed as an independent candidate for supervisor in November.

Lackey also stated the Falls Republican slate offered many excellent candidates, but did not say whether or not the Organization would support Republicans in the general election.

Berkes said that his ticket's strength was in the township's Levittown sections. In the Upper (Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

Philly Votes OK On Liquor

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Voters in Philadelphia overwhelmingly approved the Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages in accredited hotels and a similar referendum was carried in Pittsburgh but not by as wide a margin.

The final result in Philadelphia was a lop-sided 156,797 in favor to 72,107 against selling liquor and malt beverages in the bigger hotels on Sundays between the hours of 1 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Both Philadelphia Mayor Richardson Dilworth and Pittsburgh Mayor Joseph M. Barr were on record prior to Tuesday's vote as favoring the referendum. Both said it would be a stimulant to business and would lure more convention trade to their respective cities.

Surprisingly—at least in Pittsburgh—not much organized opposition to the proposal was raised. However, church leaders did warn that approval of Sunday liquor sales in hotels "would put a foot in the door" toward overall Sunday sales. The churchmen decried the contention that many persons currently unemployed would benefit from the referendum's acceptance.

By BOB REINHARDT
Courier-Times Staff Writer

Bucks County District Attorney Paul R. Beckert was nominated to run for his second term yesterday by a resounding vote of nearly 2 1/2 to one.

Beckert, the subject of controversy that extended even into the Democratic Party, defeated Harold S. Patton, 19,064 votes to 7,740.

Nominated by the Democrats to oppose Beckert Nov. 7 was David A. Clarke. He defeated Peter J. Verderame, 11,655 votes to 5,154.

Endorsed Candidates Win
Beckert and Clarke were endorsed by their respective county executive committees. The endorsed candidates for other county offices won in both parties, but by narrower margins.

An estimated 36 per cent of the registered Republicans and 33 per cent of the Democrats went to the polls.

Beckert and Patton both live in Levittown, as does Verderame. Clarke lives in Morrisville.

The Beckert victory margin of 11,324 was a hard blow to Patton and his supporters and far exceeded the predictions of the district attorney's most optimistic boosters.

Principal Strength
The GOP district attorney nomination climaxed a sensational series of events that started with the arrest of County Commissioner Edward B. Boyer for extortion and bribery last fall and his trial

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and acquitted early this year. Boyer, a strong power in rebuilding the Republican Party from its shattering defeat in 1955, had helped Beckert get nominated and elected to his first term as district attorney in 1957.

Patton's supporters in the primary election fight included a hard core of Lower Bucks political workers who expected to bring a close race, if not defeat, to Beckert. Their principal strength was in Lower Bucks.

Beckert lives in Middletown Township, which gave him 1,312 votes as against 661 for Patton.

Patton Wins Falls
Falls Township, where Patton resides, voted against Beckert. The Falls Republicans gave 807 votes to Patton and 619 to Beckert. Patton also carried Lower Southampton 632 to 600 and East Rockhill Township 62 to 46.

Bristol Borough voted 596 for Beckert and 199 for Patton, according to unofficial returns and Bristol Township, 1,479 for Beckert and 981 for Patton. In Middletown Township, Beckert received 1,312 votes and Patton, 661.

A closer Republican organization victory was that of William R. Cameron, Southampton attorney, over Russell Schanely, Quakertown, county director of veteran affairs, for the county controller nomination. Cameron drew 15,116 votes and Schanely, 10,858.

Judges Nominated
Judges Edward G. Biester, John P. Fullam and Lawrence A. Monroe, running in both primary elections, were nominated for new ten-year terms without opposition.

In a three way contest for the Democratic sheriff nomination, John J. Long of Quakertown was nominated with 8,993 votes, Arthur J. Stump, Upper Southampton Township, received 5,266 votes (Continued on Page 4)

County Vote At A Glance

Republican
JUDGE OF COMMON PLEAS COURT (3)

EDWARD G. BIESTER 25,536
JOHN P. FULLAM 23,233
LAWRENCE A. MONROE 23,405

SHERIFF
HAROLD DANDO 25,421

RECORDER OF DEEDS
DONALD HEINEMANN 22,557

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
PAUL R. BECKERT 19,064
Harold S. Patton 7,740

PROTHONOTARY
LEROY D. EVANS 22,650

COUNTY CONTROLLER
Russell Schanely 10,858
WILLIAM R. CAMERON 15,116

JU. Y. COMMISSIONER
MARION F. BAUM 23,305

Democratic
JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (3)

EDWARD G. BIESTER no totals reported
JOHN P. FULLAM no totals reported
LAWRENCE A. MONROE no totals reported

SHERIFF
JOHN J. LONG 8,993
Arthur J. Stump 5,266
Thomas Carey 4,880

RECORDER OF DEEDS
JOHN E. O'BRIEN no total reported

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DAVID A. CLARKE 11,655
Peter J. Verderame 5,154

PROTHONOTARY
DOMINICK J. DILISSIO no total reported

COUNTY CONTROLLER
RICHARD C. BONNER no total reported

JURY COMMISSIONER
FLORENCE R. FONTANA 11,525
Dorothy M. Kerzner 6,790

Happy Birthday
Pomeroy's in the Levittown, Pa. Shopping Center is celebrating its sixth anniversary. Inside today's Levittown Times are 12 pages of Happy Birthday Sales Pages 15 to 26.

Father, Son Victorious In Tullytown

Joseph Cutchinal and his son, Joseph Jr., each representing a separate faction in Tullytown Borough's Democratic party, won primary victories last night.

The election was also marked by the attempt of several councilmen to change their borough positions.

Cutchinal, Jr., an incumbent councilman, received the nomination for Burgess.

Ernest L. Johnson, incumbent councilman and the only councilman to seek re-nomination and re-election received less votes than any of the seven other council hopefuls.

Mrs. Frances N. Gauntt, incumbent school board member for six years, lost her bid for the Democratic nomination.

There were no contests among Tullytown Republicans and the endorsed slate breezed easily to victory.

Democratic
674 eligible voters
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
JAMES V. PARTO 413

SCHOOL DIRECTOR, (2)
LESTER E. WHITEKETILE 242
LOIS ARTZ 226
Frances N. Gauntt 218

TAX COLLECTOR
ARTHUR F. LEIGH 269
Carman J. DiCicco 186

BURGESS
JOSEPH CUTCHINEAL 219
Albert Feehly 202
Charles S. Mitchell 30

CONSTABLE
ROBERT H. SHELLENBERGER 307

AUDITOR
MICHAEL M. PERRONE 211
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Dunlavy, O'Neill Defeated Bellerby, Kline Victorious In Twp. Commission Battles

By TOM TINDALL
Courier-Times Staff Writer

A pair of Bristol Township Democrats, spokesmen for their party in township politics until yesterday's primary election, will lose their commissioner's posts.

Defeated in bitterly contested primary battles were James T. Dunlavy, second ward, who lost to Joseph T. Bellerby, and William J. O'Neill, tenth ward, who was defeated by James N. Kline.

Dunlavy's loss was definitive—90 votes to Bellerby's 197—but O'Neill reportedly has said he will contest his loss to Kline, the vote in that contest was 598 for Kline and 592 for O'Neill, a difference of only six votes.

Souder Fifth
The only other township officeholder who lost his party's support yesterday was Democrat Louis C. Souder, who was fifth in a field of five running for three Democratic primary slots on the November school board ticket.

Winners in the Republican primary commissioner race were William L. Pascoe, second ward; Ike H. Adams, incumbent, fourth ward; Lloyd Klauger, sixth ward; Margaret A. Camarote, eighth ward; and John J. Kelly, tenth ward. All were unopposed except Kelly, who defeated James P. Brett Jr. and Cleaver Bryan.

Democratic victors in the commissioner race were Bellerby, Jurelio L. Cerasoli, fourth ward; incumbent Leonard B. Sokolove, sixth ward; Jack J. Ward, eighth ward, and Kline.

50-50 Voice
Given the results of yesterday's primary, it will be necessary for all commissioner-nominated Democrats to walk away victorious from the November general election in order for the Democrats to achieve even a 50-50 voice on the township board of commissioners. The board now is divided six Republicans to four Democrats, which means that if the Democrats lose even one seat, the board will remain in GOP control.

TENTH WARD
JOHN J. KELLY 216
James P. Brett Jr. 156
Cleaver Bryan 189

SCHOOL DIRECTOR (3)
FU-HO CHAN 1,949
ROBERT M. HURSH 1,899
J. WILLIAM RICE 1,922

TREASURER (tax collector)
CHARLES L. WORTHINGTON 1,561

Robert M. Camarote 657
AUDITOR
MIKE MATOVICH 1,857

CONSTABLE
ELWOOD WILKINSON 1,770
JAMES J. HARRINGTON 1,855

Democratic
COMMISSIONER
SECOND WARD
JOSEPH T. BELLERBY 197
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Osteopath's Trial Ordered Continued

TRENTON (UPI) — The Appellate division of Superior Court today refused to dismiss an appeal requested by the Attorney General in the temporary suspension of an Erlton Osteopath and ordered his trial to continue on scheduled.

The court held that "the course of justice to both sides dictates processing the appeal as scheduled, while avoiding any prejudicial timing of the announcement of the decision."

The ruling was another step in the case of Dr. Albert L. Weiner, who was temporarily suspended from practicing medicine last year after 15 of his patients died

of Serum Hepatitis. Weiner is set to go to trial on manslaughter charges June 6 in Camden County Court.

The court said Attorney General David D. Furman asked for a dismissal of Weiner's appeal after the osteopath claimed the State Board of Medical Examiners failed to terminate his suspension without filing formal charges against him.

The Attorney General argued that dismissal should be granted because the appeal was moot since the original order of suspension has been superseded by a new suspension order dated May 11, 1961. Weiner originally was suspended Dec. 21, 1960.

Berkes-Struble Faction Wins In Falls Township



Victorious Falls Township Democrats celebrating their primary election success are, (front), Martin T. Cassidy, auditor and (from left), Robert Arrowood, campaign manager, Falls Township Democrats for Continued

Bitterness Remains In Demo Ranks

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Fourth, first precinct in Falls, comprising Pinewood and portions of Lakeside in Levittown, where Berkes lives, the incumbent beat his opponent four and a half to one.

Berkes pointed out that Struble lead the ticket, receiving 488 more votes than his opponent Joseph F. Basile. Berkes outbid Almond by 324 votes.

Vote Of Confidence

The Falls official said the victory was, "a real vote of confidence," in the type of government that he had his supporters have given the township.

Berkes said, "This victory is a repudiation of the opposition's smear tactics and a vindication of our past activities."

The supervisor predicted that a majority of all Falls Democrats would support him and his ticket in November.

Berkes predicted that, "fences will be mended and all Democrats will chip in for good government in Falls Township."

Heal Wounds

He indicated a meeting with County Democratic Party officials, Organization Democrats and members of his ticket would be held in the near future. The meeting's purpose would be to heal old wounds and prepare the township for November's election battle, Berkes disclosed.

Pre-election battles between the opposing Democratic factions waxed hot and heavy almost until the polls closed.

The arrest of three Organization Democrats on charges of state election code violations and the arrest of a "Good Government" Democrat for disorderly conduct late Monday night culminated the campaign and typified the intense rivalry.

Thomas J. Hawe and Byrne H. Johnson, both of Fairless Hills and John Canfield of Levittown, Organization Democrats, were cited before Justice of the Peace Elwood Fritz for circulating unsigned political literature and distributing literature that reflected upon the character of a candidate without substantiation.

\$100 Bail

Jack Ford, a worker for the Berkes-Struble faction was cited for using vulgar language. All four men posted \$100 bail and await further hearings.

The object of the pamphlets was Berkes, who along with Struble and other Falls Democrats began their battle when they initiated a cutting action against County Commissioner candidate John Welsh several years ago. Berkes, Struble and their allies were expelled from the Falls Democratic Organization for this action. Berkes and Struble then formed the "Good Government" Democratic faction.



Clasping hands at Bucks County Democratic Headquarters as they celebrate the primary election returns are (from left): Assemblyman James J. A. Gallagher, primary campaign chairman; Florence

R. Fontana, nominee for jury commissioner; John C. Mulligan, county Democratic chairman and Richard C. Bonner, nominated for county controller. (Courier-Times Photo)

Beaming Backers Of Beckert



Burt Barshay, next to right, energetic Lower Bucks chairman of Paul R. Beckert's successful campaign for the Republican nomination for a new term, leads his group in a celebration cheer. From left are Assemblyman Alan Williams, assistant GOP chair-

man for Central Bucks, Beckert, County GOP Chairman Frederick E. Ziegler; Assistant District Attorney Edward G. Biester, Jr., Barshay and Assistant District Attorney Ward F. Clark. (Courier-Times Photo)

Levittown Youth, 15, Kills Self

The funeral of William P. Frye, Jr., 15-year-old Levittown boy who ended his own life yesterday, will be held Friday at 9 p.m. from the Beck - Dougherty Mortuary, Levittown, it has been announced.

William Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Frye, 58 Laurel Lane, in Levittown's Lakeside Section, committed suicide with his own .22 calibre rifle at his home shortly before 2 p.m. Deputy Coroner John Black said the boy died instantly of a bullet wound slightly above the right temple.

Leaves Note

Tullytown Police Officer Stephen Parto said the boy's body was found lying face down in his bedroom by his mother. The boy reportedly left a note which read: "I am very sorry. I hate to do this, but you will get over it. I'm a knife in the back to you. Love and I'm sorry, Billy."

Mrs. Frye told police her son was despondent over his grades at Franklin D. Roosevelt Junior High School, Levittown, where he was an eighth grader. Parto said he learned the boy had not shown a recent report card to his parents.

Mrs. Frye said Billy had stayed home from classes yesterday, saying he was ill. He took a bath shortly before noon. Mrs. Frye told police, and went to his room. At noon, his mother went to his room to inquire if he wanted lunch.

When she saw him on the floor she thought he was taking exercises, she told police. Then she saw blood and screamed.

Summon Police

Neighbors summoned Tullytown police. A Levittown physician, Dr. E. E. Mears, pronounced the boy dead. The Levittown - Fairless Hills Rescue Squad took the body to Lower Bucks County Hospital.

A neighbor, Stephen Parto, 245 Lakeside, was the first Tullytown policeman who answered the call. Another neighbor, Mrs. Ida Bortz, 248 Lakeside, was the nurse with the Levittown - Fairless Hills ambulance that took Billy's body to the hospital morgue.

Parto said a history book on the bed was opened to "The Story of America."

The victim's father is a civilian employee at McGuire Air Force Base.

Surviving are the parents, a sister, Kimberly Anne; a brother, Gregory Steven; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frye, Willow Grove; and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Heck, Danboro, formerly of Neshaminy.

Friends may call tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m.

Cuba Releases 92 Americans

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Cuba has agreed to let 92 U.S. citizens return home Friday, the State Department announced today.

The 92 will be given their exit permits today, the department reported.

A spokesman said Swiss diplomats in Havana informed Washington that the Fidel Castro government had agreed to issue the permits.

Farley Slate Wins In Middletown Twp.

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opposition, said, "I will back him 100 per cent."

Dominick Spadaccino, chairman of the Democratic faction supporting Shenefelt, concurred.

Spadaccino said he still feels the Shenefelt slate was the best qualified, but that he will abide by the people's choice.

Hopes For Unity

He expressed hope that the split Democratic Association will now draw together. He added, however, that the immediate future of the organization is unknown as far as he is concerned.

On the Republican side, E. William Lindeberg, incumbent tax collector, won a healthy victory in his bid to retain the post, but one Lindeberg did not find entirely to his liking. Commenting on his 1,066 to 860-vote triumph over Robert Lattomus, he said he was surprised his margin was not larger.

"I think the pro-Boyer and pro-Beckert people hurt me. I got hit over the head from both sides," he said.

Vote Change

Lindeberg referred to his change of vote as county executive committeeman when he first backed Harold Patton for district attorney then changed his vote in favor of Paul Beckert.

There was scant voting opposition to James Cahill's bid to win the Republican nomination for supervisor. Cahill won handily over John E. Fowler, 1,345 to 487.

William Donahue and Mrs. Marjorie Sweet polled large pluralities over William Fairer for school board nominations.

Lattomus, Fowler and Fairer were the only Republicans who ran without endorsement of the township Republican Association. They lost.

GOP Runs Strong

Returns indicated that the GOP Association — approved slate ran strong in all areas of the township.

Township

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James T. Dunlavey 90
Stephen H. Aicher 66
Louis Schum 51

FOURTH WARD

AURELIO L. CERASOLI 372

SIXTH WARD

LEONARD B. SOKOLOVE 299

Joseph F. Dooley 169

EIGHTH WARD

JACK J. WARD 328

James A. Aichele 101

Joseph L. Segal 40

TENTH WARD

JAMES N. KLINE 508

William J. O'Neill 592

SCHOOL DIRECTOR (3)

LOUIS A. ALIMENTI 3,277

CHARLES J. McGRATH JR. 2,917

ANGELA A. BLATT 2,320

Shirley Cooper 1,127

Louis C. Souder 1,127

TREASURER (tax collector)

ROBERT CAMERON 2,940

John R. Stieber 1,336

AUDITOR

CHARLES A. PIERCE 3,515

CONSTABLE

ROBERT G. CAMPBELL 2,726

FRANCIS X. CLARK 2,657

Malcolm D. MacKenzie 1,102

Sam Hospodar 649

Charles P. Carmon 611

ship except in Lower 9, part of Cobalt Ridge, Levittown.

Here the whole slate lost. Lindeberg also ran into opposition pluralities in Juniper Hill, Lower and Upper Orchard sections of Levittown, and tied in the Snowball Gate section of Levittown. Lattomus won his own Cobalt Ridge section.

Eldredge was beaten in the Langhorne, Parkland, Pennel-Oakhurst, Deep Dale East, and Cobalt Ridge sections of Levittown, all by a small margin. He was accompanied into the winner's column by Robert Saunders, tax collector candidate; M. L. Madway and Joseph May, school board; Charles O. Luther, auditor; and George Roberts, constable.

All were supported by Farley and Edward Butler, chairman of the triumphant group of the township Democratic Association.

Democratic

5,882 eligible voters

SUPERVISOR

DAVID S. ELDRIDGE 1,462

Arthur B. Shenefelt 983

TAX COLLECTOR

ROBERT SAUNDERS 1,514

Mrs. Betty Pule 916

SCHOOL BOARD (2)

M. L. MADWAY 1,315

JOSEPH F. MAY 1,291

Mrs. Ruth Weiss 1,021

Francis J. Gale 834

James P. Cameron 264

AUDITOR

CHARLES O. LUTHER 1,220

John L. Lindsay 1,166

CONSTABLE

GEORGE ROBERTS 1,416

Bernard J. Ashoff 993

Republican

5,738 eligible voters

SUPERVISOR

JAMES CAHILL 1,345

John E. Fowler 487

TAX COLLECTOR

E. WILLIAM LINDEBERG 1,066

Robert Lattomus 860

SCHOOL BOARD (2)

WILLIAM DONAHUE 1,445

MRS. MARJORIE SWEET 1,330

William Fairer 746

AUDITOR

ALVIN RUBENSTEIN 1,686

CONSTABLE

WILLIAM B. O'NEIL 1,699

Births

Lower Bucks County Hospital

May 15

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maddocks

37 Good Rock Road, Levittown,

boy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Delia,

332 Madison St., Bristol, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCloskey

345 East Circle, Bristol, girl.

May 16

Mr. and Mrs. John McGee, 37

Tulip Tree Road, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Palmer,

314 Doone Road, Fairless Hills,

boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Breig, 65

Roundwood Lane, Levittown, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grussen-

meyer, 43 Candle Road, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lambinus,

118 Andover Road, Fairless Hills,

boy.

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The Lighter Side Of Primary

The Bucks County Democrats outshone the county Republicans, literally and otherwise, last night in their newly renovated headquarters on E. Court St., Doylestown. The Democrats' basement had a bright light outside. The stairs down to the GOP quarters were dark.

Inside, the Democratic HQ sparkled with new lighting and furnishings. But a longtime Democratic landmark was missing: John T. Welsh, who until a few months ago was "Mr. Democrat" and presided over the election chart-marking just as he presided over the party. Welsh's activity ceased after the party rejected his plea to endorse Paul Beckert for a new term as district attorney while the Republicans were still fighting among themselves. He now has an important state job.

LeRoy Evans, Bristol Township Commissioner, who breezed into the Republican nomination for prothonotary, was assigned to phone down to the township to get some lagging election returns.

"I wish I was down there," Evans said after talking with Bristol Township Republican headquarters by phone "They're drinking \$30 worth of beer I bought."

East Rockhill Township Supervisor Sam J. Thompson, an important character in James A. Michener's "Report of The County Chairman," president of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials and third vice president of the Pennsylvania Township Supervisors Association, lost his bid for the nomination for a new term as supervisor. He was defeated in the Democratic primary by George Christy, 214 votes to 107.

Bucks County Detective Thawley Hayman was called out on a case last night. His assignment: To liberate from the lock-up cell in the court-

house basement Courier-Times staffer Jack Scullin who stopped in the cell to use its wash-room facilities and didn't realize that the door, when closed, provides security as well as privacy. Scullin spent a half hour behind bars before being freed.

"Where's the Republican Headquarters?" a husky man who had just emerged from county Democratic Headquarters asked as he walked west on Court Street, Doylestown. "I want to stop in and thank Harold Patton."

The man went on to explain: "I'm William Patton and I just won the Democratic nomination for West Rockhill Township supervisor. I want to thank Harold Patton for helping me get nominated with free advertising. Those posters he had put up said just 'Patton' and they must have made people in my township vote for me."

Bensalem Township's two sharply divided Democratic parties last night probably came closer together than they have been during the past year - in location.

While Mrs. Morris' group was tabulating its votes at the Kozzy Corner Tavern on Street Road, the rival Fleming-Chrostek slate was making the final count-down less than two blocks away at Otramski's Hall.

Win, lose or draw, both Democratic parties decided to whoop it up as the final tabulations came in. While the victorious Morris slate was partying across the street, the vanquished danced and snacked to the tune of a combo hired for the evening.

Falls Township Supervisor Milton Berkes' first thought after learning of his primary election victory was for his wife, Ethel.

Mrs. Berkes is in Lower Bucks County Hospital keeping

company with a new son recently born to the Berkes'.

The supervisor, upon hearing his wife's voice on the telephone, exclaimed, "Ethel, we won!"

One worker for the Berkes-Struble faction remarked, "I wonder how many votes Struble would have gotten had he campaigned personally?"

Struble lead the ticket offered voters by the Falls Democrats for Continued Good Government with 1,788 votes, 488 more than Joseph F. Basile, his opponent. Struble did not campaign personally.

Struble who has been under a doctor's care for several months has not been feeling well, it was reported.

E. Franklin Rogers, 62, Justice of the Peace of Lower Buckingham Township, candidate on the Republican ticket in today's primary died Sunday night at his home at Worthington's Corner of a heart attack.

Franklin had just heard an assault and battery case in his office and had gone into his living room to watch television.

Dick Clark To Get Divorce

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Dick Clark, popular host of the teenage American Bandstand television show, issued a joint statement with his wife, Barbara, today announcing they will be divorced.

The statement said Clark, 31, boyish-looking TV idol of millions of teenagers, and his wife are taking the action "with deep regret." They were married in 1952 and have a five-year-old son, Dickie.

"We have tried very hard to resolve our differences but have decided that it is best that we take this action," the couple said. "We have consulted our attorneys and the divorce papers will be filed in the near future."

Explosion Stirs Area

Hundreds of Levittown residents flooded local police and municipal switchboards with questions this morning after a loud explosion at Thiokol Chemical Corporation, Newportville Road, Bristol Township.

According to Robert Day, Thiokol public relations director, no one was injured and the blast was confined to a specially designed explosive powder shed.

Day said about eight pounds of an explosive igniter mixture used to start rocket engines became ignited and blew up in a special remote control automatic mixing machine at about 9 o'clock.

Wall Blown Out

The two men who operate the machine were not in the building, located away from Thiokol's other buildings. One wall of the powder building was blown out. Day explained that the roofs and one wall of the Thiokol powder buildings are designed to "blow out" easily. A man can walk through this special wall with ease, Day said.

The heavy mixing machine that combines several kinds of explosive powders, similar to black powder, was not damaged, Day reported. It was the first time an accident of this type has occurred at Thiokol, he added.

Weather



SUNNY AND WARM

High yesterday: 78
Low yesterday: 59
Low this morning: 48
Sunset last night: 8:10 p.m.
Sunrise this morning: 5:41 a.m.
Today's forecast: Sunny today, fair tonight.

Tomorrow's Tides

At Bristol
Low: 1:21 a.m. High: 6:31 a.m.
Low: 1:54 p.m. High: 6:58 p.m.
—for the tides at Morrisville add 15 minutes for high tide and 45 minutes for low tide.